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1. Yordan Chobanov, newly-appointed Bulgarian Minister to Ankara, Turkey, is a native of Razgrad, Bulgaria, and the son of Nedeltcho Chobanov, an architect and engineer who was a Communist.
2. During operations against the Germans, after the start of the new regime in Bulgaria, Chobanov, as a reserve officer, was Political Commissioner and assistant to the Commander of 19 Regiment of Chumen. He distinguished himself then by his cruelty and severity, as he did later at the Popular Tribunal of Razgrad, when he was a prosecutor of pro-Fascists and war criminals.
3. Chobanov was a deputy from Razgrad, and had lived in Sofia for four years.
4. Chobanov is a friend and colleague of Nedeltcho Manev (Bulgarian Commercial Attaché and alleged Intelligence officer), another native of Razgrad who also studied at the Razgrad Gymnasium. Both were anarchists in their youth, and became Communists later, source states.
5. [REDACTED] Bulgarian Press Attaché, as saying that Aleksandr Lavrishchev, Soviet Ambassador to Turkey, had expressed satisfaction over subject's appointment, because Chobanov is an orthodox Communist and is opposed to Tito.

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